

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a cell growth inhibiting film;

Group II, claims 6-10, drawn to a cell growth inhibiting method;

Group III, claims 11-15, drawn to a medical instrument; and

Group IV, claims 16-19 to a digestive system stent.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group III, Claims 11-15.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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